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IN BRITAIN WILL FAIL

1. FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN JULY 12 ISSUE OF ENGLISH-
LANGUAGE "KUWAIT TIMES": BEGIN QUOTE: DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
CUM FOREIGN MINISTER SHEIKH SABAH AL-AHMED PREDICTED MONDAY
THAT THE MIDDLE EAST TALKS IN BRITAIN, STARTING TODAY,
WOULD FAIL. IT (SIC) WOULD NOT REACH POSITIVE RESULTS
BECAUSE OF ISRAEL'S INTRANSIGENT POSITION ON RESTORING
PEACE TO THE MIDDLE EAST, HE TOLD REPORTERS AT THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY.

2. KUWAIT CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT ANY SETTLEMENT IN
THE REGION MUST BE REACHED UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS UMBRELLA
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ONLY, HE ADDED.

3. OBSERVERS ATTACHED GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO SHEIKH SABAH'S
REMARKS AS HE SEEMED TO HAVE REJECTED EVEN THE IDEA OF
AMERICAN-SPONSORED TALKS IN BRITAIN, WHICH LEAVES OUT THE
OTHER VITALLY AFFECTED PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT. BY EMPHASIZING
THE UN SPONSORSHIP, HE ENDORSED THE ARGUMENT OF THE

REJECTIONIST FRONT THAT NO SOLUTION COULD BE WORKED OUT FOR THE REGION IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PALESTINIANS, THE SYRIANS, THE JORDANIANS AND ALSO THE RUSSIANS.

4. THIS WAS REINFORCED BY THE KUWAITI AMBASSADOR TO THE UN, ABDULLA YACOUN BISHARA, WHO SAID THAT NO SOLUTION IN THE REGION COULD BE WORKED OUT WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED, INCLUDING THE PLO AND THE SOVIET UNION. BISHARA BLAMED THE UNITED STATES FOR THE FAILURE TO RESTORE PEACE IN THE REGION.

5. THE AMERICAN POLICY IS STILL REFUSING TO RECOGNIZE THE RIGHT OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT STATE, HE SAID AFTER CONFERRING WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER EARLIER. END QUOTE.
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